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In re Application of: John Chen and Lixiao Wang Yiqun Wang and Albert C. C. Chin
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For: DIMENSIONALLY STABLE BALLOONS
Examiner: Sow-Fun Hon
Group Art Unit: 1772

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Docket No.: S63.2H-9503-US

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is a response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 27-30 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows.

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1. (Amended) A dimensionally stable polymer balloon having a longitudinal axis and composed of a micro-composite material, the micro-composite material comprising a polymer matrix component and a polymer fibril component mixed in the polymer matrix component, the fibril component having micro-fibers oriented substantially parallel, or diagonally to the longitudinal axis of the balloon.

26. (Amended) A dimensionally stable polymer balloon having a longitudinal axis and composed of a micro-composite material, the micro-composite material comprising a polymer matrix component and a polymer fibril component having micro-fibers, said fibril component mixed in the polymer matrix component, wherein the orientation of the micro-fibers relative to